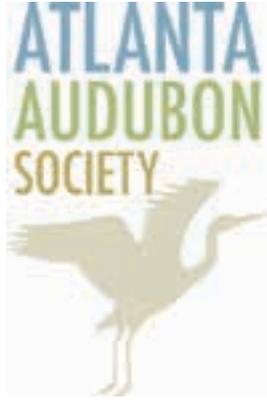


Atlanta Audubon Society Receives Grant to Restore Bird-Friendly Habitat in Clarkston

The Atlanta Audubon Society has received a grant to restore bird-friendly habitat in the Peachtree Creek Watershed, at the Deepdene Park in Atlanta, part of the larger Olmsted Linear Park system, and Friendship Forest, a municipal green space in Clarkston. Both properties are located in DeKalb County, Ga. The project is funded by Southern Company, the parent company of Georgia Power, and the U.S. Forest Service through a 2016 Five Star and Urban Waters grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF).



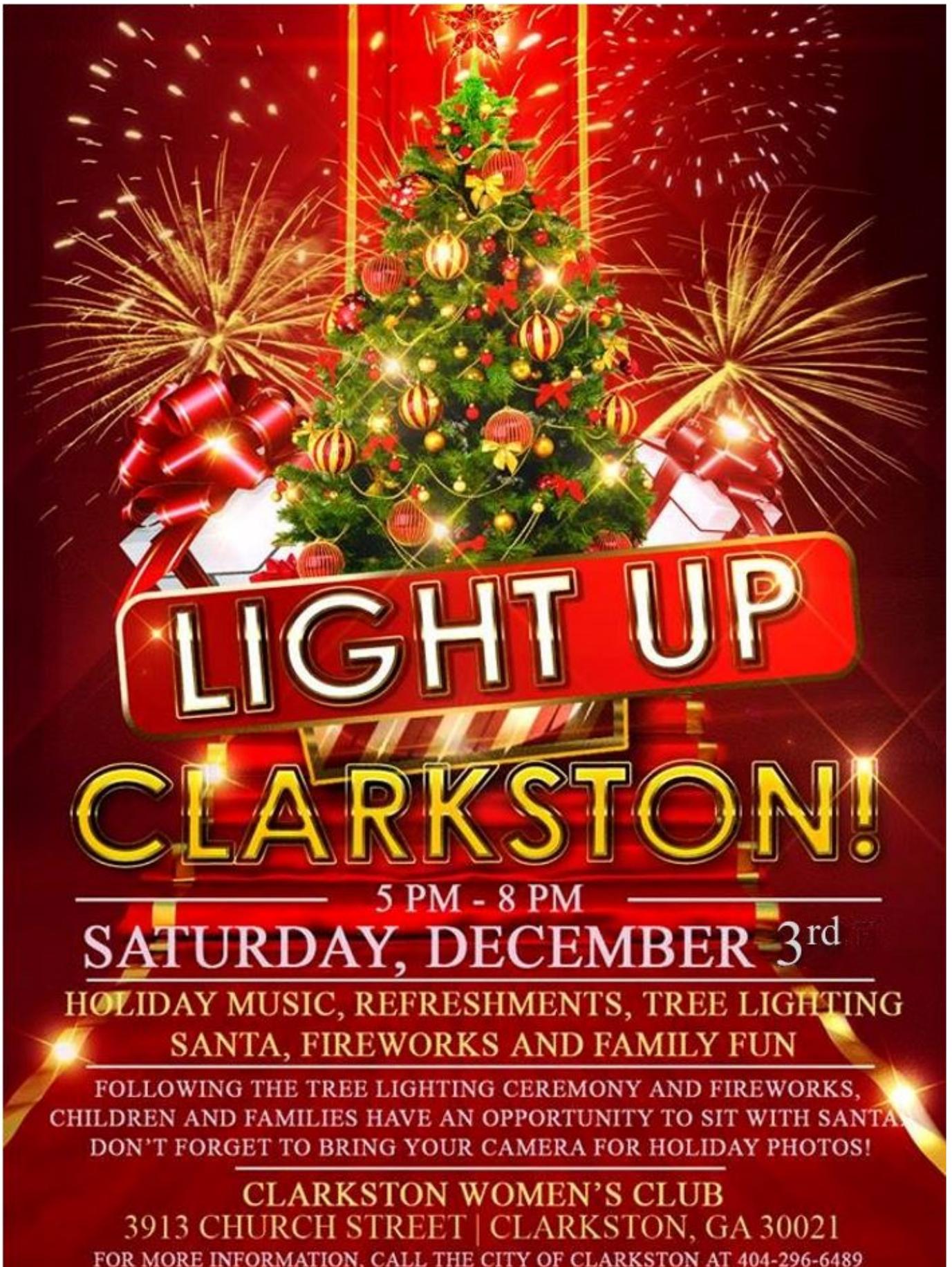
Atlanta Audubon Society and partners will restore 15 acres of bird habitat on the two sites and create baseline bird data to aid conservation planning. The project will provide numerous citizen science and educational opportunities to the local community and double the partnership's local impact on bird habitat. The project will engage 125 community volunteers and educate 500 people about birds in the two areas. As part of this grant, Atlanta Audubon will partner with the Olmsted Linear Parks Alliance, the City of Clarkston, Friends of Friendship Forest, the Greening Youth Foundation, Rock Springs Restoration, the National Audubon Society and the Georgia Native Plant Society.

"Atlanta Audubon Society is very excited to receive another grant through the Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Program to restore bird habitat at Deepdene and Friendship Forest," says Nikki Belmonte, Atlanta Audubon Society Executive Director. "Last year, we received a similar grant to restore habitat at Emma Wetlands at Blue Heron Nature Preserve and the Confluence of the north and south forks of Peachtree Creek, and we've had great success with both of these projects. By working with our various partners, we are able to increase the impact that we have on each site and improve the habitat for birds and other wildlife."



Chartered by Congress in 1984, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) protects and restores the nation's fish, wildlife, plants and habitats. Working with federal, corporate and individual partners, NFWF has funded more than 4,500 organizations and committed more than \$3.5 billion to conservation projects. Learn more at www.nfwf.org. Programmatic support for 2016 Five Star and Urban Waters program is provided by the Wildlife Habitat Council, and major funding by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the U.S. Forest Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, FedEx, Southern Company, Bank of America and Alcoa.

The Five Star and Urban Waters 2016 winners were selected from a highly competitive pool of more than 220 applications. The partnership bases consideration for funding upon educational and training opportunities for youth and the community at large as well as ecological, cultural and economic benefits. These projects also involve a high degree of partnership between local government agencies, elected officials, community groups, businesses, schools and environmental organizations for improving local water quality and restoring important fish and wildlife habitats.



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Police Department News

On Thursday 09/15/2016 Officer Jay, Officer Bulcher, Officer Brewer and Detective McKinney met with Bill Ruck of the "From Thin Air" Organization to meet with local elementary school children. Some of the children have aspirations to become police officers when they grow up, so they had several questions in regards to what the job entails.

The children were given stickers, lanyards, and Frisbees to take home with them. They also had opportunities to play in the patrol vehicles, as well as the transport van and the Detective's vehicle. Detective Elliott showed the children how investigators lift fingerprints by having the children touch the vehicle, and then Elliott dusted their prints. He also allowed the children to try on a spare ballistic vest that he had in the trunk.



FYI: From Thin Air is an organization like the make a wish foundation that provides opportunities to terminally ill

children who have gone into remission, and then gotten sick with cancer again. (www.fromthinair.org)

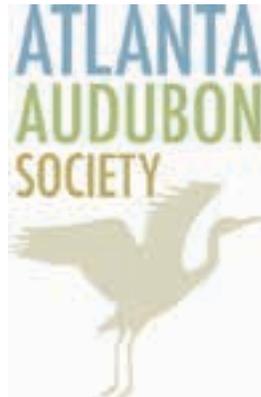
Field Trip: Friendship Forrest Wildlife Sanctuary

Sunday 10/16 8AM

4380 E. Ponce De Leon Avenue
Clarkston, GA 30021

Leader: Adam Betual
Cell Contact 407-492-1139

Bird Focus: This is the first bird walk for Atlanta Audubon's habitat restoration grant at this location. We will be looking for fall migrants primarily but can also expect the year round residents and some early arriving winter residents. Warblers, thrushes, woodpeckers, and vireos are the particular interest. About half of the trail is asphalt while the rest is well packed, level dirt. There is a bit of a hill at the beginning of the walk. There will be no need for a scope. Dogs are permitted in the park but not encouraged for the walk. This walk is free of charge. The park offers a lot of promise as a bird watching and wild space but is a bit overgrown and need of some care.



Directions and Parking: Free parking is located just off of E Ponce De Leon. There is a sign for the park but it is easy to overlook. A small dirt lot is present near a gate at the trail head. The park is 1/2 mile N of the Clarkston central business district. Take Exit 40 off I-285 (Church St./E. Ponce De Leon exit) and travel east 1.2 miles. The entrance will be on your left. Turn left on Indian Creek and then an immediate right on Ponce De Leon. The park will be on your left. Turn left on Indian Creek and then an immediate right on Ponce De Leon. The

park will be on the left. Alternately, take Exit 3 off of US-78 (Stone Mountain Fwy.) and then turn south on Brocket Rd. Brocket will dead end at E. Ponce De Leon. Turn right on E. Ponce De Leon. The park will be on the right after .4 miles. Google these coordinates for a map or program your GPS: 33.815451, -84.235740.

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Tyler Technologies Public Safety and Court Software Implementation Completed

Over the past year, the City has been implemented and completed our migration to Tyler Technologies Public Safety and Court software. Tyler Technologies offers a fully integrated system that links all Public Safety and Court data and streamlines our data processing for all aspects of public safety information and provides significantly enhanced public reporting information.



The Police Department went live on Tyler’s Records Management System in January 2016 and reports these benefits of the new system:

The Clarkston Police Department implemented the Tyler Management System to improve the overall functionality of the case reporting process within the Police Department. Over the past nine months, the department has benefited tremendously from this system. Uniform Officers are able to generate documents, citations, property inventory sheets, amongst others with relative ease during their tours of duty. This is due in part to the very user friendly interface inside the program. The citizen’s benefits from the accuracy of the reports generated by the officers. One of the major components used within the Tyler Management System, is the “Report Writing Module”. Once an officer initiates an incident report, the entire department has access to this report. Detectives are able to further a case without waiting on the approval process to take place, thus allowing them to mitigate matters much faster. All information entered is housed within the program for the duration, allowing any and all users the ability to locate person(s), vehicles and events that occurred at any given moments. Another useful tool within the system is the “Citation Module”. By using the handheld units, officers are able to scan the violator driver’s license directly into the system. The data is then transposed directly on to the violator’s citation. This exchange essentially removes the possibilities of entering incorrect data, all while expediting the need for the officer to be remain in harm’s way. The “Data Reporting Tools”, has given the administrators the ability to generate detailed reports in any given area. With this information we

are able to understand crime trends and deploy resources where needed. In addition to crime statistics, this module offers an array of graphs and diagrams that are downloadable for offline presentations. Although only a snapshot of its capabilities were mentioned, this system is very robust in nature. The department relies heavily on the Tyler Management System and the luxuries it provides in regards to access to crime data.

The system also includes Crime Mapping capabilities that citizens can access via the internet:

<http://www.clarkstonga.gov/crime-mapping/crime-mapping.html>

The Municipal Court Department went live on Tyler’s Incode Municipal Court system in the April 2016 and reports the following benefits of the new system:

Since the implementation of the Tyler Incode Municipal Court system in the spring of 2016, Incode has automated most of the routine and repetitive tasks of data entry from the moment an officer issues a citation. It has allowed our court staff to focus more time on higher priority work tasks rather than data entry. Incode’s court docket management tools have allowed us to operate our court sessions more efficiently and with better cost effectiveness. Our staff have found that Incode is very user friendly and has saved us hours of data entry each month and has significantly improved the accuracy of data by eliminating opportunities for human error.

Clarkston Public Works Safety Training

On Wednesday October 19, the Clarkston Public Works Staff will attend American Traffic Safety Services Association (ATSSA) Traffic Flagging Class. This training will provide a four hours of hands-on and classroom instruction on the uniform flagging procedures established by the Georgia Department of transportation. Attending staff member will receive certification with State of Georgia and National Traffic Safety Services Association regulations which will allow them to control traffic within work zones and insure proper Work Zone Safety. The training will be at the Clarkston Public Works facility and administered by the Georgia Utility Contractors Association. Upon successful completion the certification is valid for three years.



Clarkston Polling Precinct Change

Due to their recent fire, the Clarkson International Bible Church, 3895 Church Street, has requested that the DeKalb County Board of Elections choose a new location for the future Clarkston elections. The Clarkston First Baptist Church has volunteered to be the new polling site for Clarkston effective September 1, 2016. To notify affected voters, DeKalb County Elections will be mailing new Precinct Cards and posting a legal notice of the change in the Champion News. Additionally DeKalb Elections will post signage at the old polling site on the next Election Day to indicate the new polling location. (A copy of the Legal Notice is posted below).

Visit the Secretary of States My Voter Page to verify your current polling site. Visit <https://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov/MVP/mvp.do>



City of Clarkston Precinct Change since 2016 General Primary Election

To the voters of DeKalb County, notice is given pursuant to O.C.G.A §21-2-216 of changes in polling places effective for the November 8 General and Special Elections. The change is:

Clarkston – Moved polling place from **Clarkston International Baptist Church** to **Clarkston First Baptist Church** at 3999 Church Street, Clarkston

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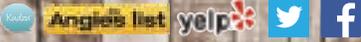




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